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# New commander returning to state



Courtesy photo

**Brig. Gen. JAMES PILLSBURY**

## General Pillsbury a Troy State grad

Brig. Gen. James Pillsbury has been selected for promotion to major general and assignment as commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

He will succeed Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen who the president has nominated for appointment to lieutenant general and assignment as commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, Arlington, Va. Dodgen, 54, became AMCOM commander Sept. 10, 2001.

Pillsbury has served as deputy chief of staff for U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army since August 2002.

He has a bachelor's degree in history from Trinity University and a master's in international relations from Troy State.

Military schools he has attended include the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Trans-

portation Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

From 1973-74 Pillsbury was liaison officer, and later assistant S-4, for 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Subsequent assignments took him to Fort Rucker, Fort Eustis, Va., Korea, Fort Campbell, Ky., Germany, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Washington, D.C., Fort Drum, N.Y., and New Cumberland, Pa.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Air Assault Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

# ROTC cadet gains confidence in physical training

## Alabama A&M student on four-year scholarship

By **BIANCA PHILSON**  
*For the Rocket*

For a while, I felt completely lost and unsure of myself. Accompanying these feelings was the idea that everyone had low expectations of me and did not want me to succeed. At my high school, I felt isolated and inferior to my classmates. Like the victims of the Titanic violently praying for a lifeboat to turn around and save them from the terrible gate of freezing to death, I desperately prayed to God to rescue me from myself. Finally, my prayers were answered. Entering the Army ROTC program at Alabama A&M University was the best thing I have ever done for myself.

I stood in my Adidas running shoes, black shorts and gray "ARMY" shirt in the warm ROTC gym. I stretched with my fellow cadets in preparation for physical training on an early Friday morning. We moved our bodies how and when our PT instructor



Photo by Ronald Durham

**FIRE AWAY—** ROTC cadet Bianca Philson participates in marksmanship training on the M-16 range.

instructed us. After we were through stretching, we were told to "fall out" outside where the cool morning air greeted my skin and sent "goose bumps" up my arms and legs. We stood in the position of attention, and then we began to march across the street into Patton Hall's parking lot. "Quick-time march!" sounded through the air, and we started running in step as MSgt. Paul called

cadence. We were headed toward Buchanan Hall, and my mindset would soon change afterward.

"Quit-time march!" After that command, we marched to a halt; we were at the middle of the hill behind Buchanan Hall. The sky was still slightly cloudy, making the surroundings look gloomy. While we stood "at ease" with our hands relaxed behind our backs and

our legs spread into a V-shape, we were told what our workout for that morning would be. We had to sprint to the president's house at the top of the hill where we would do 20 push-ups down-sloped. Next, we had to jog to the middle of the hill where we had started and do 20 sit-ups in the slightly moist grass. Three sets of this exercise were to be completed.

In groups of four, we raced to the president's house. As I made my way to the top, the ground felt as though it moved into a steeper position with every step I took. I got to the top of the hill and began my push-ups. I was on number 10 when I raised my backside into the resting position. Ten more push-ups seemed impossible for me to do. Then a tough-looking upperclassman with short dark hair and chocolate skin got into push-up position beside me and said in a helpful, heavy voice, "Let's do them together. We're gonna get to 20, OK." I gritted my teeth together as I managed to pump 10 more repetitions while the

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## Zoned out on codes

I have a question for Redstone Arsenal residents: Have you encountered any problems lately with receiving mail because of a new zip code being used?

What is going on — what is Redstone's real zip code, 35808 or 35898? I am terribly confused and I would certainly appreciate some clarification. It's not only for mail purposes but also when you go to the store such as Sears; their computer does not recognize 35808, only 35898. I also noticed that the *Redstone Rocket* newspaper lists its address zip code as 35898.

### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "There are five zip codes that are used on Redstone Arsenal and none of them are new. Zip code 35898-5000 is used for all official AMCOM and Garrison business. The 5000 after the 35898 is a generic area*

*designator for all official business on the entire Arsenal.*

*"Zip code 35808 is used specifically for all the housing areas on the Arsenal. Zip codes 35809 (an older number and seldom used) and 35897 (most commonly used zip code number) are used specifically for the Ordinance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School; and 35812 is used only for Marshall Space Flight Center.*

*"Not knowing specifics related to the individual's problem, I contacted Sears since it was referenced by him or her. Sears computers recognize both 35898 and 35808 zip codes. The 35808 zip code gets singled out if a product delivery is to be made. These deliveries take place only on Fridays.*

*"If this response does not help clarify the individual's problem or issue, please call the Garrison official mail manager at 313-2881 and every effort will be made to resolve any outstanding issues."*

## Training holidays take patience

Am I the only military retiree, or other eligible "customer," who is confused about operating hours/policies at the Fox Army Health Center?

I understand (sort of) why the place completely closes on the 10 official federal holidays. However, it is difficult to understand why the facility completely closes during military training holidays which often (almost always?) seem to be declared in connection with the federal holidays. Most recently, at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10 (just before the three-day Columbus Day holiday began), I was unable to get in Fox because, according to the civilian Fox employee monitoring the entrance, the center was closing for the remainder of the day due to a training holiday.

Every function I patronize at Fox has civilian staff. In fact I'm almost always served by members of the civilian staff in the activities I utilize at Fox, e.g. always at the records office, often at the lab, and by civilian receptionists, nurses and doctors.

What do all the civilian employees do during a military training holiday? I'm also a retired civil service employee and unless rules have drastically changed, the center's civilian employees should still be on duty during a military training holiday unless they take leave. When I happened to pass by Fox later during the afternoon of Oct. 10, I noticed there still appeared to be many automobiles on the adjacent parking lots. I drove closer and counted more than 40 cars remaining outside the closed facility. My guess would be that those vehicles belonged to persons (civilians?) still on duty inside the center.

So whasssuppp?

### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: Fox Army Health Center provided the following response. "Fox Army Health Center is an outpatient health center, and generally operates during military duty hours. We do provide services in the evenings and on*

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## Quote of the week

**I**t is not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference.  
— Bear Bryant

## Here's a toast to O' Club

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Officers and Civilians Club for the outstanding job they did for our daughter's wedding reception Oct. 18. She was so happy that everything turned out so well.

We're glad that we chose the club for this very special occasion. From the time we started making the arrangements until the end of the reception, they were there to make sure everything was done to our satisfaction. They certainly went above and beyond in making it such a wonderful evening. Thanks to Bob Howell and Barbara Langford for all their help, to all the staff for their excellent service, and especially the chef for decorating the cake table so beautifully. The food was delicious and plentiful.

From the time we arrived, and throughout the evening, the staff was prompt, friendly and courteous. They worked really hard to make sure everyone had what they needed.

A very special thanks to Heather Bachus for making sure that all went smoothly and for the many extras she did. Your caring, concern and reassurance was deeply appreciated. We will always remember your thoughtfulness.

We highly recommend the club for any event you are planning. You will receive first-class service, from beginning to end, from a first-class staff.

God bless you all and thanks again for making the evening such a memorable and enjoyable one for our family and friends.

**Gordon and Irma Keene**

## Correction

The Oct. 22 *Redstone Rocket* contained an article titled, "Black Hawk pilots flying by the seat of their laptops." The office conducting the work

was incorrectly identified as the "Knowledge Engineering Project Office." Actually the work is performed by members of the Utility Helicopters Project Office, Logistics Management Division. There is no Knowledge Engineering Project Office.

## An open lane random survey

### What's your favorite Halloween memory?

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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*Doug Barnes, DoD civilian*

**"When I was about 3 or 4 years old, my mom picked out my costume and it was Casper the ghost. I was really upset**

**because my buddy got to go as something cool, like a pirate, and I thought the ghost was kind of girly. I ended up getting sick in the back of the car and never went to a single door to trick or treat.**



*Ben Thompson, contractor*

**"Candy and stomach aches."**



*Mary Jane Marion, NASA*

**"My mother, daddy and us kids made molasses popcorn balls."**



*Benita Bradham, DoD civilian*

**"My favorite childhood memory is sitting down with my brothers after we had come in for the night. We would**

**put newspaper all over the floor and dump out our bags and go through our candy. We would count each individual kind and see who had the most."**

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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

**Oct. 20** — A contractor was issued a violation notice at Gate 9 after an inspection of his vehicle revealed a small amount of marijuana. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 20** — An individual was stopped on Goss Road after being observed exceeding the posted speed limit and found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

**Oct. 20** — An individual was detained at the Provost Marshal Office after he was stopped for a traffic violation and found to be operating his motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

**Oct. 21** — An individual reported that she had lost her dependent identification card at an unknown location while traveling from Texas to Alabama.

**Oct. 21** — An individual was stopped on Goss Road after being observed exceeding the posted speed limit and found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

**Oct. 22** — An individual was issued several violation notices on Rideout Road after being stopped for exceeding the posted speed limit and also found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

**Oct. 22** — An individual reported that he had been receiving several harassing telephone calls at his workplace from an individual. Investigation continues by

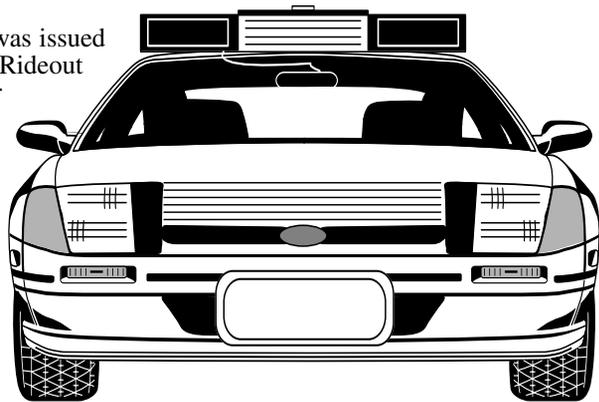
the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 22** — An individual reported that someone damaged the front door to building 5494 by prying on the door with an unknown object. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Oct. 23** — A soldier was apprehended and released to the Provost Marshal Office for being in a deserter status from Fort Hood, Texas. The soldier is being held pending release to the AWOL Apprehension Team from Fort Benning, Ga.

**Oct. 23** — An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and being wanted on a warrant from the state of Alabama during an inspection at Gate 9. The individual was issued a violation notice and released to the Alabama State Police.

**Violation notices issued:** speeding, 23; possession of controlled substance, 1; parking violations, 2; no driver's license, 1; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, 4; driving under the influence, 1; and failure to display proper registration, 1.



## Communications upgrade continues

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program construction project continues and expands work locations.

Construction continues south on Patton Road, beginning at Mills Road. Additionally, construction crews have started excavation on Martin Road west to

building 4505 and will continue north on Toftoy Road to Neal Road.

Please take the necessary precautions when traveling these routes during the next few months as construction work and excavation at these locations continues.

For more information, call Richard Mathena at 876-0020.

# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Dr. Amy J. Grover

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**Where do you call home?**  
Huntsville, Ala.

**What do you like about your job?**

The involvement with leading edge technologies. Seeing the transition from development to implementation on a weapon system.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Spending time with my family. Playing with my 21-month-old son, Samuel.



**What are your goals?**

Enhance and expand the capabilities of the Manufacturing Science and Technology Division as well as the Engineering Directorate.

## Health center observes training holidays

### Holidays

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weekends and holidays, but on AMCOM training holidays services are scaled back to a level of patient care service that can be effectively maintained with reduced military staff. Approximately one-third of our staff are soldiers and they work as an integral part of every facet of the organization, especially in patient care areas. For example, almost all of our pharmacy technicians are military. Providing safe, effective, quality patient care at normal levels of service is not possible without our military staff.

"The Department of the Army, and its major commands, like Army Materiel Command (and its subordinate, AMCOM) and Medical Command have determined that soldiers deserve days off of normal duty both for additional training and in compensation for arduous duties they frequently perform. Almost 25 percent of Fox military staff deployed this year in support of current overseas operations. One soldier has just returned this week from a nine-

month tour in Kuwait. The Army established training holidays as an opportunity to give soldiers a break from the steady OPTEMPO, and to spend quality time with their families and loved ones. Civilians working at Fox are given the choice of working or taking leave on AMCOM training holidays.

"Fox is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. On all other federal holidays, training holidays and Saturdays we operate an Extended Hours Primary Care Clinic from 8 a.m. until noon for the convenience of those who cannot take off from work for appointments. These holiday hours are published two weeks in advance in the Redstone Rocket, The Huntsville Times and 10 other newspapers within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal. They are also publicized on the Redstone community electronic bulletin board and marquee on the Arsenal.

"Thank you for your interest in Fox and this opportunity to answer your questions and publicize our policies and procedures. If we can be of further assistance please call the patient representative at 955-8888, ext. 1152. We look forward to serving you."

# War validates installation management concept

## Army's Iraqi operation pushes centralization

By BEAU WHITTINGTON  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Operation Iraqi Freedom has proven naysayers wrong about the Installation Management Agency's value, says Maj. Gen. Anders Aadland.

Aadland, the agency commander, admits even he wasn't sure the centralization was such a good idea when he heard the initial announcement of the plan to manage base operations funds from Washington.

Little did he know he would become the first director.

"I learned early on the goodness of the initiative was not obvious," Aadland said about his first days in his new job. "It wasn't something everybody was going to rejoice over."

Whether commanders rejoiced, or not, the Army had made a profound decision about the new direction and it was Aadland's job to put the plan in action.

The agency opened its door Oct. 1, 2002, with what the commander describes, "as about a 75 percent solution — not totally ready, not totally staffed." While it was a project in development, then Army Secretary Thomas White didn't want it to become just another idea that got put on the shelf.

"Let's grab this thing and go," White told Aadland and his key staff.

Not fully staffed, or funded, the leaders took what people and money they had to work around a few corners their first fiscal year and clean up the process when the agency becomes fully funded in fiscal 2004.

They knew they could find the answers in a "best case scenario." But, what if

there was a war? What if the Army did something they couldn't predict that took money away? That could make the agency, "look like we're not doing what we've said we'd be able to do," Aadland said.

War did come. So did the questions.

Could they support the power projection platform? Could they deliver on the single promise of letting the war-fighting commanders focus on the front and not worry about the installation management mission.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom put us in an operational stance where we had to come through," Aadland said.

The seven regional offices ran emergency operations around the clock. They lined up as partners the commands at the front and delivered their part behind the lines.

"It shocked us into a level of maturity and partnership that had to come," Aadland said.

### Funds repaid

While the operations transformation proved sound, naysayers began questioning the commitment of keeping base operations money where it belongs.

"You never program for a war, so when we went, (the Army) had to rob somebody's cookie jar to get the troops into Baghdad," Aadland said.

Senior commanders flowed about \$600 million of garrison funds into the fight. But, they set up some new rules — they promised to pay it back. And, they did.

When the president received supplemental monies from Congress to fight the war, the Army repaid the funds diverted for early operations. The migration of base operations funds that totaled hundreds of millions of dollars in fiscal 2001 and 2002 was \$5 million in fiscal 2003.

"It was a first step into the program-

### 'It shocked us into a level of maturity and partnership that had to come.'

—Maj. Gen. Anders Aadland  
Installation Management Agency

ming discipline we'd been talking about," Aadland said about the change. "It's no longer easy to pick the low-hanging fruit from the tree."

"At one year in we are at the halfway point," Aadland said about the transformation. "We haven't proven our efficacy yet."

### Common standard

The next stop on the agency's road to becoming more efficient is to move installations to a common standard around the world.

"We will try to do things more efficiently and share ideas on how to apply those principles so everybody can benefit," Aadland promised. "To eliminate the haves and the have-nots."

The agency has developed standard garrison organizational outlines for small, medium and large installations and are proceeding in staffing the manning document. Throughout fiscal 2004, they will flesh them out.

"Some installations are close; some are leagues away," Aadland said. "It will take some time for this migration."

But that migration, like last year's startup, has challenges inside and out.

### More studies

The first two phases of the A-76 program threatened the work forces. Now, the "Third Wave" is surging a shock wave through it making workers ask, "Why is the Army hell-bent on taking away my job?"

"It's not," Aadland stresses. "But, it has said everything is going to be reviewed. The process will continue, but with more efficient guidance."

The general advises commands not to build a Most Efficient Organization to beat a contractor — do a plan to do the job.

He also tells them not to expect the studies to go away.

"Whenever you can show a 30 percent savings, the Army isn't going to stop," he said. "Our challenge has been to educate our people on the optimal use of the private sector. We'll never be able to do it all in house. We will need industry to help us. And, we have to do it more efficiently."

Garrison commanders are asking how are they going to fit into the standard garrison structure while they are facing these studies.

"When the standard garrison construction doesn't mesh with A-76 configuration," Aadland said, "we're going to wait them out. If you have a contract that is set, and working, we will work the management scheme in the direction of the concept, but we won't disrupt the contract. We will wait until the end of the contract and take another look."

The key is tweaking performance work statements.

For example, A-76 has had a detrimental impact on master planning. Master planners don't make widgets — they are not producers. Under the A-76 process they have been seen as overhead.

"In some cases, we put the fox in the hen house," he explained. "Because we took the quality assurance people away."

"Many installation master plans atrophied — the art was lost. The key master planners became casualties of downsizing. We cannot afford to not have vision of where our installation will be in five, 10 or 20 years. Master planning is going to get resourced."

"Show me the money. Show me the money," was the chorus garrison commanders sang at the first agency commanders' conference last month. They were concerned about getting the resources and people they need to make a difference.

"(Have) faith in the concept and understanding of what cooperate means," Aadland tells them. "You are now part of a worldwide organization."

"When I talk to my regional directors, I tell them we are the 'Big Blue' of installation management for the Army and you are vice presidents. You, region director, are the focus lens of the agency. But, more importantly, you are the focus lens for the garrison commanders to see clearly what's happening in Washington."

# Cadet

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pebbles on the concrete buried themselves under my hands.

She and I jogged to the grassy area behind Buchanan Hall to do sit-ups, but she helped someone who needed it more than I did. Lt. Col. Cunningham came to my side, held my feet, and said, "Come on, Miss Philson. It's only a mind game. Nothing but a baby hill with an easy set of push-ups and sit-ups." After my 20 sit-ups, Lt. Col. Cunningham ran beside someone else as SFC Livingston ran beside me saying, "There you go, Scholarship!" Once again I felt the piercing pebbles in my palms and the little voice telling me I couldn't do it, but I kept going until these 20 push-ups were done.

Running downhill on my way to completing my last set, I noticed something unfamiliar to me. Those who were in need of help were being encouraged and given the extra push they needed, and they seemed to be affected the same way that I was.

Those people see potential in us and want us to see it too, I thought in amazement. A sudden rush of energy and excitement pierced through my body as I did my last 20 sit-ups.

After running back to the gym, I felt refreshed despite the sweat of a hard workout that was glued to my back. I had an epiphany: I can do anything if I set my

mind to it. My feelings of inferiority vanished, and I became aware of what I want to do with my life.

The following Monday in PT, we ran four miles, and I was the fifth person done. This is the same person who could barely run 800 meters during track practice in high school. ROTC gave me in less than an hour something my track coach never supplied me with in the four years I ran track for Grissom High — confidence and motivation. I also feel like I have a purpose on Earth and that my life is not going down a dead end road.

Having my ROTC scholarship now and knowing that I will be a second lieutenant in the Army upon graduation makes me feel blessed and excited to be alive and in college because I have an idea of what the future will look like for me.

I love having this identity. I have goals in my life that I have set out to achieve, knowing that any hurdle in my life can be jumped as long as I have faith in myself and as long as I work hard. I am not the insecure, lost, apathetic and dreamless person I once was. I have become a confident leader, which I owe to the Army ROTC.

*Editor's note: Alabama A&M University cadet Bianca Philson, a freshman on a four-year ROTC scholarship, submitted this essay in her English Composition 101 class. It was based on her first two physical training sessions as a cadet. Ronald Durham, also a freshman cadet, took the photo.*

# NCOs in step with high school drill competition

Academy members serve as co-hosts

By DOUG DeCOWSKY  
For the Rocket

Before dawn Oct. 18, the hosting volunteers from the American Legion Post 176 and the NCO Academy arrived at Milton Frank Stadium to set the stage for the 20th annual 2003 Southeast Regional Conference Junior ROTC Drill Meet Competition.

As the 14 competing high schools, some from interstate, arrived and checked in, final set-up touches were made to ensure a timely opening ceremony.

Expectations were high of each competing JROTC cadet to perform their drills to perfection. With clipboard in hand, the role model of all cadets, the judges, NCOs from the NCO Academy, stood poised in their perfectly worn, pressed uniforms, ready for what was going to be a great day of arduous competition.

The hand salute was rendered as the colors were posted and the national anthem played to start opening ceremonies. The chairman of this year's competition, Norman Puckett, welcomed all the high schools, the judges and fellow American Legion member volunteers.

The judges led the way with conducting an in-ranks inspection of all the competing schools' JROTC cadets. Only one school would take this trophy.

Then it was off to the drill pads to compete in the 181 pre-scheduled drills. Platoon and squad drills consisting of lock-step and exhibition drill, both with and without weapons, color guard drills, and dual/individual drills, both with and without weapons, were conducted as well.

The NCO Academy judges' military



Photo by Doug DeCowsky

HUP, TWO, THREE— A unit competes in squad drill with weapons.

bearing was high, as most eyes were on them during the grading of the cadets. Their evident discipline and attention-to-detail was beyond reproach as they equally evaluated, throughout the entire day, all the competing high schools with minimal breaks for themselves.

Before closing ceremonies, the JROTC cadets anticipated drill and ceremonies knock-out drill. Some 187 cadets formed up to compete. After a long series of correct and incorrect verbal commands, the number of cadets dwindled to three, and then to the one. The winner was awarded

a trophy and \$500 for use by their school's JROTC unit.

The grand finale of everyone's efforts culminated in the recognition of those cadets who achieved a superior mark. Those first place awards went to the following schools: Albert P. Brewer High, inspection; Therrell High, color guard, platoon drill with weapons; B. E. Mays High, exhibition platoon with weapons; Butler High, exhibition platoon without weapons; Southside High, squad drill with weapons; Hazel Green High, exhibition dual with weapons; G.W. Carver

High, exhibition individual without weapons; J.O. Johnson High, exhibition individual with weapons, exhibition dual without weapons; and Booker T. Washington High, platoon drill without weapons, squad drill without weapons, exhibition squad with weapons, exhibition squad without weapons, and Jim Mullen (\$1,000.00) scholarship.

*Editor's note: Doug DeCowsky of American Legion Post 176 served as co-chairman of the JROTC drill competition. He works at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.*

## Scholarships show military dependents the money

Award amounts increased,  
\$900-\$1,900 per student

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College money may not be a top priority on the minds of most high school seniors right now — football season isn't even over, not to mention prom. But now is the time to start filling out scholarship applications and for military dependents, the Army Emergency Relief Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund is one you don't want to miss. Last year 89 percent of the applicants were awarded from \$900-\$1,900 per academic year.

"We want to get the word out about these scholarships now because getting all the paperwork completed takes time," Kristi Foster, AER officer for Redstone, said. "Education is expensive. Having access to this scholarship is an entitlement for being a military family member. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity." The name of the scholarship, Army

Emergency Relief, may be cause for some to overlook it as a source of tuition assistance, thinking that there has to be some sort of emergency hardship to receive money, which isn't the case. The awards are based primarily on financial need according to income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances. Secondary issues are academics and leadership.

"It's really important that the applications are complete and on time," Foster said. "Last year they had 3,846 applications but only 2,278 were complete." Out of those, 2,036 students were awarded more than \$2.9 million in scholarship money.

Meeting the eligibility requirements, submitting all the required paperwork and getting the application mailed on time are essential for consideration. Deadline for application is March 1, 2004. Scholarships are open to dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of soldiers on active duty, retired, or deceased while on active duty or after retirement and dependent children of certain active Army National Guard or Reserve soldiers. Applicants must be registered in the Defense

Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, unmarried for the entire academic year and under age 22 on May 1, 2004 based on the 2004-05 academic year.

Guidelines also stipulate that applicants be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as full-time dependent students for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions (colleges, community colleges or vocational schools) accredited by the U.S. Department of Education and maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed.

One of the biggest reported problems with the application is the Student Aid Report. Applicants must file a student aid report as part of their application. Students obtain the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form from the school they will be attending, fill it out and send it to the processing agency, not AER. Deadline for this form only is April 30, 2004.

"It's the application used to see if you are eligible for Pell grants or other financial aid," Foster said. "Most colleges have the form. We'll have the forms here, too. When you send that in, you'll get back an SAR. That is what needs to be sent with the application."

Scholarship awards are not affected by whether students receive financial aid from other sources. Letters are mailed in early summer to all on-time applicants stating scholarship award status. Funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, supplies and school room and board either on or off campus.

Applications for the scholarship can be printed from the AER web site: [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org), click on education or by mailing in a request for application form, available at ACS. For more information call Foster at 876-5397 or e-mail at [kristi.foster@redstone.army.mil](mailto:kristi.foster@redstone.army.mil).



# Scholarships for military children in store for 2004

*Defense commissaries put program online*

By **BONNIE POWELL**  
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FORT LEE, Va. – The Scholarships for Military Children program is open for business on a dedicated web site at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

"Fisher House Foundation built the web site just for this program," said Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency liaison for the program, "and it's great because it contains all the latest information about the scholarship program and can be accessed any time students are looking for scholarship information."

Usually, program information is only available on <http://www.commissaries.com> when the scholarship program is actively seeking applications. "But even though the program doesn't open until Nov. 3, questions have already been coming in," said Hoogewind, "so it's great to have this site available all the time."

The Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by Fisher House Foundation and is funded by the manufacturers and other vendors that sell groceries and perform services in the commissary system. Since 2001, the Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarships to nearly 1,500 children of active duty, retired and Guard and Reserve families.

The other "big news" is that now the general public can participate in funding the scholarships by making donations through the web site at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. "This program is a valuable part of commissary outreach to the military community and the generous support from our industry partners and Fisher House Foundation has made it a tremendous success in just three years," DeCA director Maj. Gen. Michael Wiedemer said. "The additional ability of the general public to show support to military families through donations to the program

is really going to add a terrific new dimension."

"We've learned that individuals, as well as corporations, are interested in supporting the Scholarships for Military Children program," said Jim Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation vice president for communications. "We provide a means to donate on the Internet through a secure credit card server, and there are no administrative fees involved. In addition, all Combined Federal Campaign dona-



tions to the Armed Services Foundation are used for the scholarship program."

Military families, customers and the general public will be able to get to <http://www.militaryscholar.org> through DeCA's web site at <http://www.commissaries.com> as well. Applications will be available online or at any commissary worldwide for the 2004 program starting Nov. 3. The application period runs until Feb. 18, 2004.

"Student applications increased last year by nearly 30 percent as store directors and staff really got out and spread the word about this great program," Wiedemer said. More than 6,500 applications were received in 2003. "We hope that trend continues for 2004 and that our commissaries will get the word out about these new features."

# Legal assistance award no small honor

## Army recognizes office for outstanding service

By Capt. WILLIAM CARPENTER  
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The Legal Assistance Office has been selected as a winner of the 2002 Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance, the Army's most distinguished honor for a Legal Assistance Office.

The Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance falls into three active duty categories (small, medium, and large offices) and one reserve component category. The Legal Assistance Office was one of only six "small" legal assistance offices that were selected to receive this prestigious honor. Competition for this annual award is always strong, and selection is a coveted honor in recognition of superior legal assistance services.

Although the Legal Assistance Office is

categorized as a "small" legal assistance office, that term can be misleading because it is based on the number of attorneys assigned to the Legal Assistance Office and not the number of eligible clients or the volume of work produced. While the Legal Assistance Office has only one full-time attorney, Redstone has an eligible client base of almost 103,000 persons. This is particularly notable because some larger legal assistance offices have three or more attorneys performing full-time legal assistance while servicing a much smaller client base.

To further demonstrate the outstanding services provided by the Legal Assistance Office, the office was also selected as the winner of the 2003 AMC Command Counsel Team Project Award. This annual award is given in recognition of outstanding team projects and programs in support of the Army Materiel Command legal mission.

The Legal Assistance Office provides a wide range of free legal services to eligible clients including but not limited to the fol-

**To learn more about the Legal Assistance Office, you may visit the Legal Assistance or Tax Center web sites at: <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/lao.html> or <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/taxcenter.html>. These sites provide a wealth of information and resources to assist clients.**

lowing: estate planning (wills, living wills, health-care powers of attorney, casualty assistance, etc.), powers of attorney, family law (nonsupport, divorce, paternity, adoption, etc.), real or personal property law issues, consumer protection law, economic issues (contracts, debts, insurance, etc.), military law issues (reports of survey, NCOER and OER appeals, line of duty investigations, security clearances, etc.), and tax issues, including the annual Tax Assistance Center program.

If you are an eligible client (active duty, military retirees, national guard or reserve on active duty orders over 29 days, or their dependents) in need of legal assistance, then you may call 876-9005 to schedule an appointment. Powers of attorney and notary services are provided on a walk-in basis. The Legal Assistance Office is located in building 111 on Goss Road and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

## DoD identifies Army casualty

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced Oct. 22 that PFC Paul J. Bueche, 19, of Daphne, Ala., died on Oct. 21 in Balad, Iraq. Bueche was changing a tire on a UH-60 Black Hawk

helicopter when the tire exploded. Bueche was assigned to the 131st Aviation Regiment, Army National Guard, Birmingham. The incident is under investigation.

# Soldiers help push Special Olympians

*Volunteers support annual track and field events*

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Soldiers complete various forms of military training at Redstone, but few think of the training they get in the community. Oct. 21 the soldiers' lesson was hands-on.

More than 200 soldiers, instructors and staff from the 59th Ordnance Brigade, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Garrison, MEDDAC, and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers volunteered for the Special Olympics Track and Field events.

"This is an opportunity to teach soldiers community and society skills they need," said Col. Joyce Napier, commander of Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and 59th Ordnance Brigade.

Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program manager



**ON YOUR MARK**— Pvt. Lisa O'Brien motivates sprinter Alecia Fitzer of Riverton Middle.



**FINISH LINE**— Pvt. Ana Rivera and PFC Carrie McLemore run with their athletes Brittney Lewis and Heather Dudley, both of Riverton Middle School. Dudley won and Lewis finished second in this event.

Natalie Taylor represented Redstone Arsenal on the Special Olympics Track and Field coordinating committee. She then worked with SFC Rodger Pettitt, Garrison operations NCO, to coordinate the soldier support.

"We don't know how we would come up with the volunteers without them," Taylor said. "And the kids know the soldiers will be there and are excited about it every year."

This marked the 36th year of the event in Madison County. Some 325 athletes,

from age 8 to 62, participated at Milton Frank Stadium.

Athletes could compete in any event and were divided by age and gender. Winners of each event will advance to the statewide Special Olympics to be held in Auburn.

The volunteers provide total support to the event from setting up, to escorting athletes, to breaking down and cleaning up. More importantly is the relationship

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that is fostered between the athlete and the volunteer. The volunteers are not only there to get the athlete to their event, but also to provide encouragement.

"It's fun interacting with them," Pvt. James Epps said. "We're helping (Mary Harris) win everything. So far we have won two events." A few soldiers in the same group as Epps encouraged their athlete by doing as many push-ups as the athlete's event score.

ACS provided refreshments to the athletes, soldiers and other volunteers. Also giving support were volunteers from Space and Missile Defense Command and Theater High Altitude Area Defense Project Office.

"I think I speak for all of SMDC and THAAD volunteers when I say we had a fantastic time today," program analyst Simone Philson of Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab said. "I always walk away feeling really good. It also makes me appreciate the special qualities in all of us."

Events included softball throw, running long jump, standing long jump, 50-meter dash, 100 dash, 200 dash, 100 walk and 25-meter wheelchair race.

"It is inspirational," Pvt. Ana Rivera said. "We are both learning from each other."



**FOLLOW THROUGH**— Pvt. Anthony Thaodara, holding jacket, watches Carl Watkins of ARC of Madison County compete in the softball throw event.

**'Let me win, but if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt.'**

*— Special Olympic oath*

*Photos by Kim Mason*



**WORKOUT**— Mary Harris, ARC of Madison County, applauds as her escort, Pvt. James Epps, right, does push-ups. Harris won the softball throw for her division with 28.52 feet.

# Take the scare out of Christmas by planning now

## Make a list, stick to it

By SANDY RIEBELING  
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In a few short days the ghoulish ghosts of Halloween will be gone — replaced by sparkling ornaments and the jingle of familiar holiday tunes. Don't let the ghost of Christmas past haunt you in the upcoming season. The easiest way to give joy to the world is by getting started now.

We've published Christmas articles year 'round so that your holiday festivities don't turn into a frenzied freak-out in the checkout line at the department store come Dec. 24.

Kudos to those who started their Christmas Club in January. You'll be reaping those rewards right about now. But don't let the sight of all that cash make you spending crazy. It's best to give some thought to those people you'll be buying for this year and be sure to make a list. (Santa has the right idea.) Budget a certain amount for each person and stick to it. You can do a lot with a little since you have the time to get creative.

I know some of you have been shopping all year long, buying bargains and stashing them away until the jingle bells ring. I'm proud to say I've actually taken a bit of the advice I've learned through these articles.

Because we live so far from our extend-

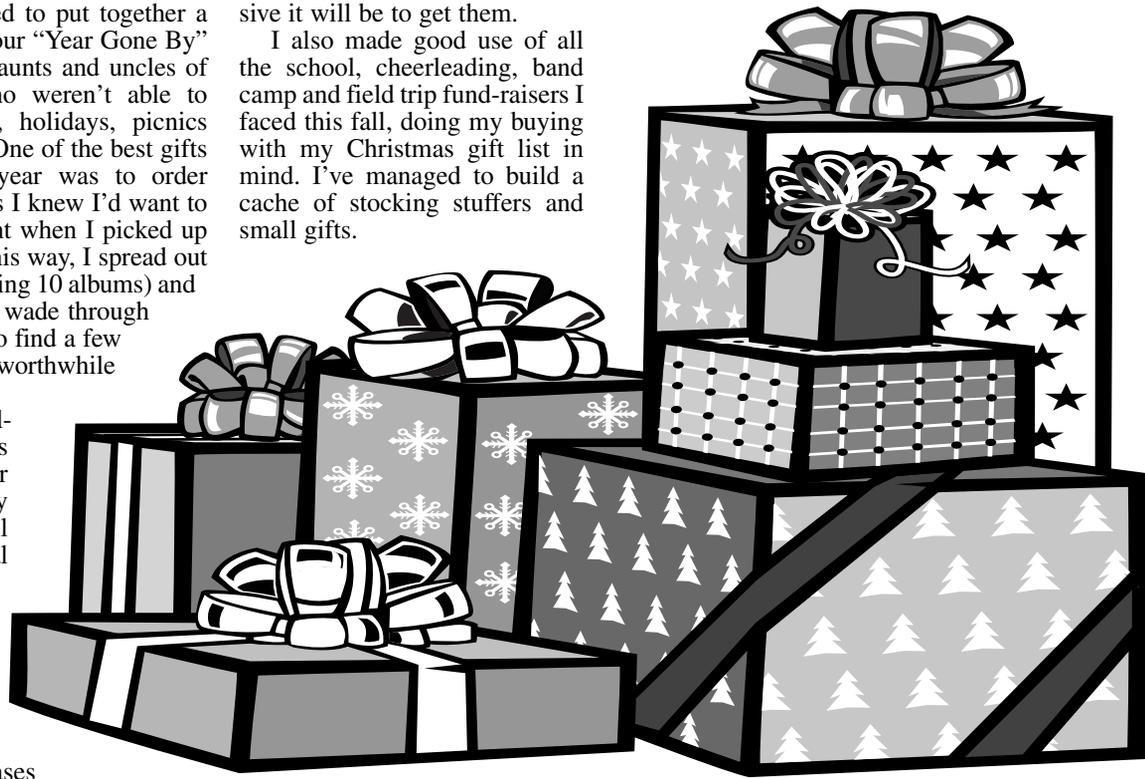
ed family, I've decided to put together a small photo album — our "Year Gone By" for the grandparents, aunts and uncles of my two children who weren't able to attend school events, holidays, picnics and birthday parties. One of the best gifts I gave myself this year was to order reprints of the pictures I knew I'd want to use in the albums right when I picked up the developed film. This way, I spread out the expense (we're giving 10 albums) and the work of having to wade through mountains of photos to find a few from each season or worthwhile event.

Now, I didn't actually put the albums together as the year progressed — I am only human — but I put all the reprints in a special box so that they'll be in order as I go along.

The other neat thing I did, back when I wrote the summer article, was to pick up three cases of quart canning jars while they were in season. There are some great cookie, muffin and brownie recipes on the web for filling the jars and making nice little gifts. You may still find some canning jars out there but the closer you get to Christmas, the harder and more expen-

sive it will be to get them.

I also made good use of all the school, cheerleading, band camp and field trip fund-raisers I faced this fall, doing my buying with my Christmas gift list in mind. I've managed to build a cache of stocking stuffers and small gifts.



If you haven't already started, you've still got time to catch some great fall gifts on sale and start putting aside a little money each week to build a Christmas fund.

But remember, it's not all about money. There are plenty of ways to show you care by offering your inner gifts, those of time and talent. Now is the time to start getting creative on how to package your unique qualities into gift-giving opportunities. Start baking and freezing

holiday treats to fill baskets or offer to help someone prepare a holiday meal. Baby-sitting coupons, especially around the holidays, are wonderful gifts for busy (and stressed) parents. House cleaning coupons, redeemable before Christmas get-togethers are also a big hit.

Keep in mind — no matter what the commercials say, the holiday is not about money. It's about celebrating the special people in your life. Do it your way.

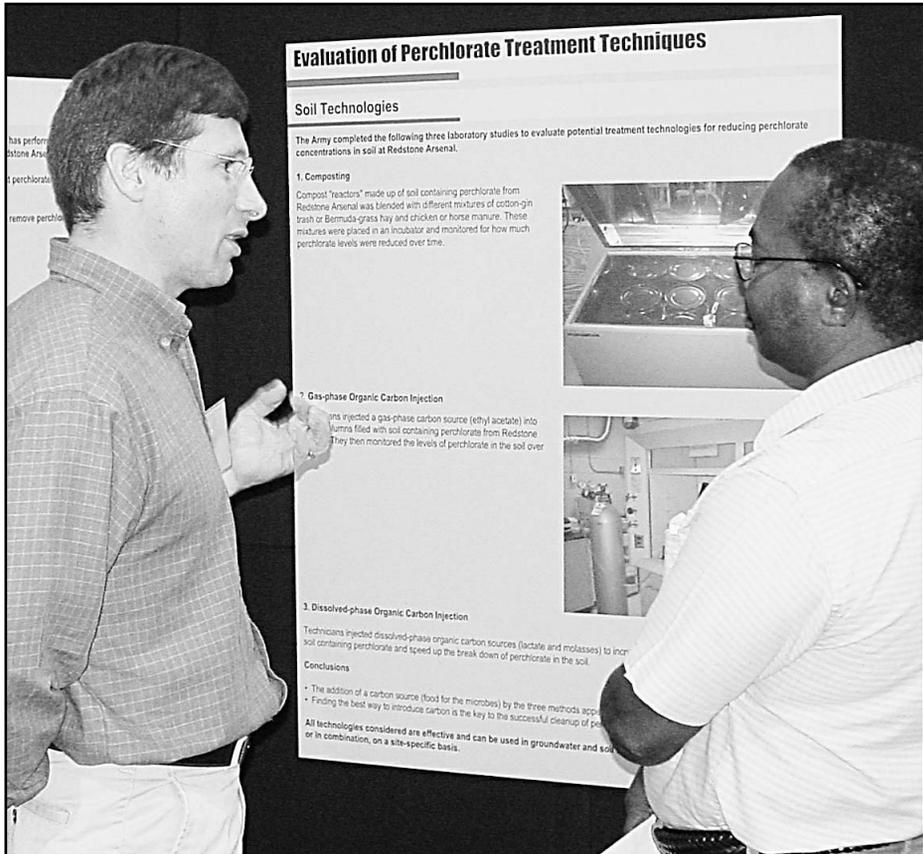
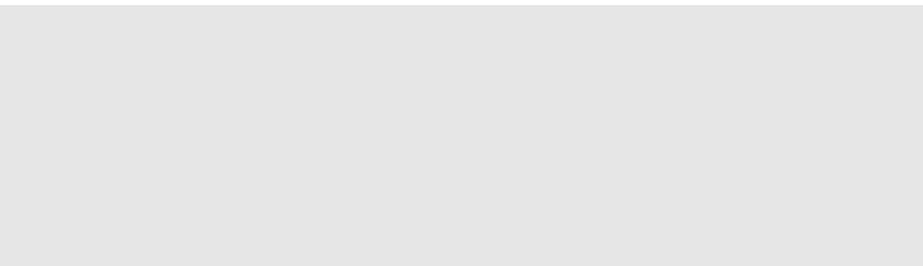
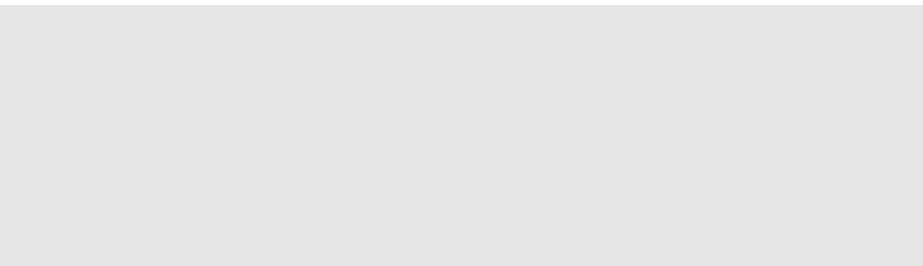
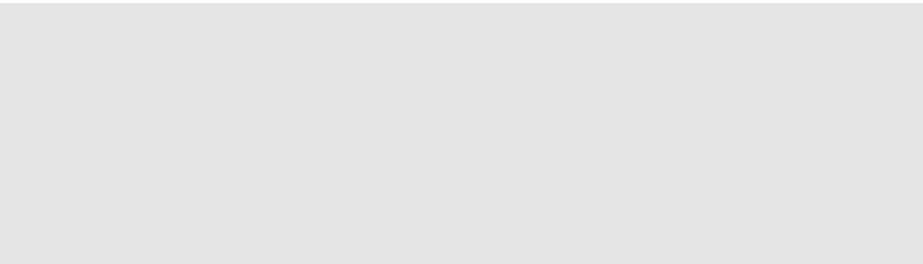


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## Meeting public

Dirk Pohlman of Shaw Environmental Inc. discusses perchlorate treatment techniques with a member of the public. Pohlman was helping the Garrison's Directorate of Environment and Safety, Installation Restoration Division host a public meeting Oct. 23 at Whitesburg Baptist Center to determine community interest in forming a Restoration Advisory Board.



# Tricks optional, treats included at party

## Halloween fun not just for kids

By KELLEY LANE

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Halloween is perhaps best known for trick or treating and candy. That doesn't mean kids get to have all the fun though. Even if you're too old to make the neighborhood rounds, you can still have a good time. This All Hallows' Eve the Firehouse Pub will hold its annual Halloween party for all the grownup goblins at Redstone. Festivities are set to begin at 6 p.m. Friday at building 114 on Hankins Road.

The event has become a much anticipated and well loved part of October fun at Redstone. This is the fourth year for the event.

"It's a great party," business manager Chris Hicks said. "It will be open to all of Redstone." Even though Halloween is about fantasy and make believe, the laws of the real world will still apply. Partygoers must be 21 to attend.

"It will be a lot of the same things as usual at the Firehouse," Hicks said, "but Halloween themed." Spooks of all shapes and sizes will be crawling

out of their crypts for fun, food and prizes. The Firehouse will provide its usual fare of burgers, fries, chips and salsa, free as always. Friday night is karaoke night at the pub and the holiday will be no exception. Taking the stage to sing your favorites may be even more fun in costume, since no one will know it's you. Howl at the moon from the safety of a rubber mask. Door prizes will be given away throughout the night.

The fun will culminate in the costume contest where fashionable fiends will square off to see who makes the grade. The contest will begin at 8. Ghosts will be out in their designer sheets, vying for the grand prize and bragging rights. Judging will be handled by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff and pub employees, guaranteeing impartiality. Hicks said the pub plans to close late that evening, somewhere around the witching hour.

Don't let fright night catch you alone. Treat yourself to a good time at



the Firehouse Pub Halloween party. Kiss your mummy goodbye and head toward Hankins Road. One of Redstone's favorite haunts will be waiting with open arms. Who knows, you could even meet the ghoul of your dreams. For more information, call 830-2582.

## Take these steps for trick-or-treating safety

PROVOST MARSHAL/GARRISON SAFETY RELEASE

It's that time again when children enjoy dressing up and roaming the neighborhoods in search of some of their favorite candy. Halloween trick-or-treating hours on post are 5:30-8 p.m. Friday.

Here are some things you can do to help make this Halloween safer for everyone:

- Ensure pathways to your residence are well lit.
- Use clothing or a costume that allows others to see your child from a safe distance (reflective markings or tape).
- Inspect your children's candy before they eat it.
- Make sure your child walks or rides around with other children and not alone.
- Adults are required to accompany and supervise young children.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across lawns.
- Stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Make sure costumes don't drag the ground.

Drivers should drive slowly all evening. The provost marshal will provide additional motor patrols, walking patrols and bicycle patrols as available.

# 59th grabs clutch win over AMCOM

Defense preserves late touchdown

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It was getting late and HHC 59th needed a big play.

The "Raise up" bunch trailed AMCOM 13-6 with six minutes left in the second half of their flag football game Oct. 21. On fourth down, 59th quarterback Jerry McIntyre was under pressure from the AMCOM defense when he threw a long pass toward the back of the end zone.

Michael McGilton stretched out and made the 12-yard touchdown catch, capping an 80-yard drive.

McIntyre ran in the two-point conversion to give the 59th its first lead of the game.

The 59th defense held AMCOM on downs and the 59th ran out the clock for a 14-13 win. The 59th improved to 3-0 while AMCOM fell to 2-1.

"Excellent defense," said McGilton,

middle linebacker and right guard. "That's about what won it for us."

In the first half AMCOM led 7-0, then 7-6 and was up 13-6 at halftime. The 59th's late touchdown was the difference.

"I'm surprised that I caught it," McGilton said. "It was just one of those lucky catches."

Last week's results included:

- Oct. 20 – Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over Charlie, HHC 59th d. Marines 34-0 and AMCOM d. Bravo 6-0.

- Oct. 21 – 2117th d. Headquarters & Alpha 8-6, HHC 59th d. AMCOM 14-13 and Delta d. MEDDAC 28-14.

- Oct. 22 – HHC 59th d. Headquarters & Alpha 38-0, 2117th d. NCO Academy 24-20 and MEDDAC d. Charlie 21-8.

- Oct. 23 – Bravo d. Marines 28-6, Delta d. AMCOM 14-0 and HHC 59th d. NCO Academy 36-7.

Here are the standings after last week's games: Western Conference — Delta (4-0), MEDDAC (3-1), 2117th (3-1), Charlie (2-2), NCO Academy (0-5); and Eastern Conference — HHC 59th (5-0), AMCOM (2-2), Headquarters & Alpha (1-2), Bravo (1-3) and Marines (0-4).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PREPARATIONS— Michael McGilton writes the 59th's lineup before the preseason final Sept. 30 which Delta won 24-20.

## World's biggest cocktail party goes to Dogs



Georgia favored over Florida

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My college football predictions are 184-69 after 10 weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Georgia vs. Florida — **Georgia**
- Miami at Virginia Tech — **Miami**
- Arkansas at Kentucky — **Arkansas**
- Louisiana Monroe at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Louisiana Tech at LSU — **LSU**
- South Carolina at Ole Miss — **Ole Miss**
- Duke at Tennessee — **Tennessee**
- Utah at Air Force — **Air Force**
- Arizona at Oregon State — **Oregon State**

- California at Arizona State — **ASU**
- Army at Alabama-Birmingham — **UAB**
- Baylor at Kansas State — **Kan. State**
- Pittsburgh at Boston College — **Pitt**
- Clemson at Wake Forest — **Clemson**
- Colorado at Texas Tech — **Colorado**
- Florida State at Notre Dame — **FSU**
- Illinois at Iowa — **Iowa**
- Indiana at Minnesota — **Minnesota**
- Iowa State at Missouri — **Missouri**
- Louisville at TCU — **Louisville**
- Tulane at Navy — **Navy**
- Nebraska at Texas — **Texas**
- North Carolina at Maryland — **Maryland**
- Virginia at N.C. State — **N.C. State**
- Ohio State at Penn State — **Ohio State**
- Oklahoma State at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**
- Northwestern at Purdue — **Purdue**
- Washington State at Southern Cal — **USC**

## Sports & Recreation

### Hunter orientations

Redstone Arsenal Hunting Orientations, for everyone planning to hunt on post, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Participants only have to attend one session. For information call Missy 876-4868 or Mike 876-0901.

### Monday night football

Come out and enjoy Monday night football with friends at Firehouse Pub. Each Monday night throughout the NFL season, they're serving up free hot dogs and hamburgers with beverage purchase and watching MNF on the big screen. They'll also have door prize drawings. Come early for a good seat. The Firehouse Pub, located in building 114 on Hankins Road (north off Goss Road, near the pool), opens at 4 p.m. For more information, call 842-0748 or 830-2582. Coming games include Nov. 3, New England vs. Denver; Nov. 10, Philadelphia vs. Green Bay; Nov. 17, Pittsburgh vs. San Francisco; Nov. 24, N.Y. Giants vs. Tampa Bay; Dec. 1, Tennessee vs. N.Y. Jets; Dec. 8, St. Louis vs. Cleveland; and Dec. 15, Philadelphia vs. Miami.

### Youth basketball

Registration for the CYS Youth Basketball League continues through Nov. 4 for ages 5-16. Register at the Challenger center,

building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Cost is \$35 sports fee plus \$15 Central Registration fee if not already enrolled. Practice begins the week of Nov. 17 and the preseason tournament begins Dec. 6 for ages 7-16. League play starts Jan. 5. This is open to dependents of active and retired military, DoD and Redstone/NASA contractors. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

### Bowling center

Beginning Nov. 3, Child and Youth Services will register youth ages 5-18 for league play that starts Jan. 10. The league will play each Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Redstone Lanes, building 3707 on Aerobee Road. Cost is \$75 per bowler and includes 14 weeks of bowling, shoe rental, Young American Bowling Alliance membership, Central Registration fee, T-Shirt, free Sunday bowling from 3-5 p.m., and free shoes anytime. Certified bowling instructors will be on hand. Register Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Challenger Community Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. For more information, call 876-3704.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Protestant women

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Thursdays from 9:30 to noon at Bicentennial Chapel. Four studies are offered.

"Come for fellowship, worship, prayer and Bible study," a prepared release said. Child care is available. Other classes are held Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and in the evening. For more information, call Tonie Welch 489-5646 or Jennifer Devlin 716-0107.

### Federal bar symposium

The Federal Bar Association will hold its 31st annual Symposium, Nov. 5-6 at the Huntsville Marriott next door to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The title is "Recent Developments in Government Contracting." Cost is \$250 for both days. To register call treasurer Cindy Van Rassen 955-5717.

### Air defenders

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold its annual St. Barbara's Dinner Dance and Ball, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the ballroom of the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Michael Vane, commander of the Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Texas, and commandant of the Air Defense Artillery School. Cost is \$30 per person for members, \$40 per person (\$70 per couple) for non-members. To RSVP, contact keith.furney@lmco.com by Oct. 21.

### Health expo

The Personnel and Training Directorate will hold an Employee Health Benefits Expo on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Sparkman Center, building 5304, room 4233 (second floor). Informational health-care brochures as well as health provider representatives will be available to answer your questions. Representatives invited to attend include: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mail Handlers GEHA, PDP, National Alliance, Rural Carrier, NALC, APWU, and Healthspring of Alabama.



## Miscellaneous

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Jane Wyatt 876-4106 or Maj. Felicia Carter 313-3867.

### Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to [www.gsauctions.gov](http://www.gsauctions.gov). For more information, call 544-4667.

### Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club each year presents Merit Awards to qualified applicants based on their scholastic achievements, citizenship and sincere desire to pursue higher education. These awards are designed to help offset the cost of tuition, books and related fees. All appli-

cants must meet the following criteria: be a member, spouse of a member, or the dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 1, 2003 and live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Candidates may compete in one of four categories: high school senior, undergraduate, graduate and member/spouse. The deadline for Merit Award consideration is Feb. 11, 2004. For more information call Michelle Archer, the Merit Award chairperson, 534-5783.

### Native American celebration

Child and Youth Services will kick off Native American Month, Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at building 3400. The celebration will include Native American dancers and singers, guest speakers and vendors. The documentary "Second Agenda" will be shown. For more information, call Betty Abbou 876-6595.

### Reserve unit

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty soldiers who want to return to duty, or soldiers who wish to transfer from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 74B information systems operators, and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification/waiver action to 74B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, PC programming languages, networking/systems administration and telecommunications skills. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the character and personal qualifications to pass a SBI Investigation check to obtain a top secret clearance required by the specialty. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For MOS 75B/H, you must be MOS-Q prior service or transfer from another unit. For information call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

### Logistics achievement awards

The 2003 Ernest Young Logistics Achievement Awards will be presented Nov. 6 at a luncheon ceremony at Officers and Civilians Club. The award winners for the Professional/Technical and Management/Executive categories will be selected from 32 nominations submitted from Team Redstone organizations. Integrated Materiel Management Center nominees include Imtiaz Ather, O.V. Bonner, John Chapman, Kathy Elfrink, Thomas Fitzgerald, Judith Gerley, John Henrikson, Manuel Jones, Marsha Lawson, Mitchelene Pryor-Betts, Elaine Rucker, Dennis Urhahn and Bernhard Wiegand. Nominees from the Acquisition Center include Sheri Baskins, Cheryl Moore Davis, Charles Miller and Brian Wood. Nominees from the PEO Aviation offices include Ronald Dalton, Michael Haragan, Capt. Bryan Phillips, Barbara Quick and Ralph Smith. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Project Office nominees include Anthony Grayson, Ani Powers and Terri Schwierling. Nominees from Letterkenny and Corpus Christi Army Depots include Hallie Dubia and Carol Bullington. Missile Defense Agency nominee is James Hatchett; Lower Tier Project Office nominee is

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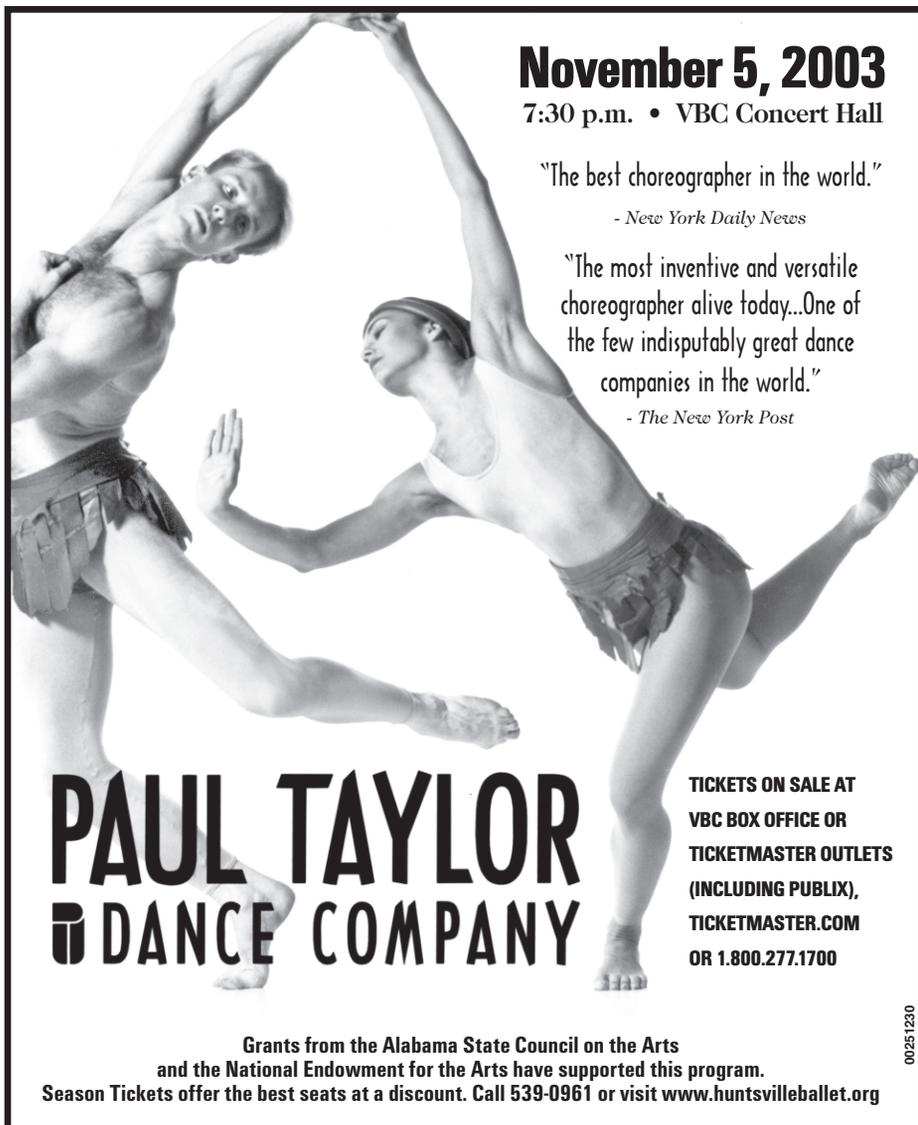
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Gifford Lee; representing PEO for Tactical Missiles is Lisha Adams; Space and Missile Defense Command nominee is Lt. Col. Robert Steward; and the Garrison nominee is William Holliday. Tickets for the luncheon are \$13. For more information, call Faye Yates 876-1757.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5 and Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The shop now accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It will be open for sales this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are welcome; and tax slips are available. The shop seeks volunteers. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Education week luncheon

The American Education Week luncheon is Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lucy Baxley, lieutenant governor of Alabama. Tickets are available at the club for \$16 per person or \$150 for a table of eight. Deadline to buy tickets is Nov. 7. For information call 830-CLUB.

## Education open house

In conjunction with American Education Week, the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road, will hold an Open House. Everyone is invited to see what is available at the center Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A number of colleges and universities will have representatives at the center to answer questions about programs available and others that are anticipated.

## Original play

Redstone MWR will host "Letters From the Front," Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in Pagano Gym. "Letters From the Front" is an original play about personal letters written by soldiers and their loved ones throughout American history. Reviews state the play as a "powerful message behind actual war correspondence that provides the catalyst for this poignant and stunningly funny story of the home front in 1945." Admission is free; it's open to the entire Redstone community, and tickets may be picked up at the Recreation Center, building 3711 (corner of Patton and Aerobee roads). For information call 876-4531.

## Graduate classes

Florida Tech Graduate Center begins registration for spring 2004 semester Nov. 10 at building 5304, room 4326. Class meets weekly from 5-8 p.m. at building 5304. For more information, call 881-7878.

## Job fair

Whether you're looking for a new job or just a change in careers, don't miss the Job Fair. Many employers will be available to discuss employment opportunities. The Job Fair is Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. This event is sponsored by Army Community Service and is open to all active and retired military spouses, veterans, guards, reservists and transitioning employees. "It will provide a unique opportunity to meet with many local employers in one place at one time," a prepared release said. "So come dressed pro-

fessionally and bring lots of resumes." ACS also invites you to attend classes for resume writing and interviewing tips. Classes are scheduled Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 876-5397 to register.

## Child car seat

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, will give a free booster seat to qualifying children Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart on North Memorial Parkway. This event is supported by United Way and Safe Kids.

## Wireless discounts

Verizon Wireless, a provider of wireless voice and data services, offers discounts to all Department of Defense agencies and DoD employees in the North Alabama area. Through an agreement between Verizon Wireless and NETCOM/Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Verizon Wireless can now offer to new and existing customers a 20 percent access discount on calling plans of \$35 and higher, deep discounts on equipment and 25 percent off accessories. Special business plans are also available for the DoD agencies. Family Share Plans are also included in this promotion. This offer is not available through any retail store. You should call Ben Renfroe (256) 509-4353 or e-mail him at ben.renfroe@verizonwireless.com.

## Blood drives

Scheduled blood drives include: Nov. 6 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400, and from 7-12:30 at the Sparkman Center. Nov. 7 – from 7-12:30 at the Sparkman Center. Nov. 14 – from 7-12:30 at building 4545. Nov. 20 – from 7-12:30 at building 7613, and from 7-12:30 at building 4488. Nov. 21 – from 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316, 8-noon at SMDC and 7-noon at Corps of Engineers.

## Harvest festival

The "Harvest Festival" is Saturday at Isom's Chapel United Methodist Church, 16230 Mooresville Road in Athens. For information call (256) 232-5892. Everyone is invited. Admission is a donation to help pay for a new church van.

## Dinner theater

Madison Theatre Guild, a new community theater group, is throwing a dinner party for the "Class of '57" Reunion, but one of the most popular classmates has just been murdered two days before. Can you solve "who done it?" Someone at the party is sure to solve this mystery. This "interactive" mystery dinner theater is Nov. 15 at the Clay House Museum at 16 Main Street in downtown Madison. The investigation starts at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers followed by main course and dessert. Wine, beer, coffee, tea and water will also be available. Tickets are \$35 each. For more information or tickets, call Madison Theatre Guild (in care of Jeannie King) 772-1963 or the Clay House 325-1018.

## Marine Corps birthday

The Marine Corps Detachment would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to help celebrate the 228th birthday of the Marine Corps at 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Anyone interesting in attending can call 1st Sgt. Hardee 842-2214 or Maj. Johnson 842-2213 or stop by the Marine Detachment in building 3412 for ticket information.

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U

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SCBK03473263	Secretary (OA)	30-Oct-03	SMDC	GS-0318	8	8	35,393 - 46,012	X											X	X
SCBK03455404	Electronics Engineer	30-Oct-03	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	56,690 - 87,640	X											X	X
SCBK03458869	Log Mgmt Spec	31-Oct-03	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03407822	Firefighter	3-Nov-03	GARRISON	GS-0081	6	6	28,759 - 37,386	X												
SCBK03385857A	Supvy General Engineer	3-Nov-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03467963	Log Mgmt Spec	3-Nov-03	PEO Aviation	NH-0346	3	3	56,690 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03467966	Log Mgmt Spec	3-Nov-03	PEO Aviation	NH-0346	3	3	56,690 - 87,640	X												
SCBK034477206	Accountant	4-Nov-03	SMDC	GS-0510	7	11	31,958 - 61,494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03477967	Oper Research Analyst	4-Nov-03	BAOD	GS-1515	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03474178	Security Guard	4-Nov-03	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	25,800 - 33,536	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03492886	Security Specialist	4-Nov-03	OMEMS	GG-0080	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X											
SCBK03370214	Deputy Product Manager	5-Nov-03	GMD	GS-0340	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X												
SCBK030453021	Materials Engineer	5-Nov-03	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	56,690 - 87,640	X					X					X	X	
SCBK03477745	Security Specialist	6-Nov-03	AMCOM	GG-0080	12	12	51,508 - 66,961	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03452899	Supvy Intelligence Spec	6-Nov-03	ISD	GS-0132	15	15	93,705 - 121,817	X												
SCBK03474316	Supvy Police Officer	6-Nov-03	GARRISON	GS-0083	9	9	39,052 - 50,820	X												
SCBK03449511	Lead General Engineer	7-Nov-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAG04461483	Human Resources Officer	7-Nov-03	APG-MD	GS-02001	15	15	93,330 - 124,783	X												
SCBK03395675	Computer Engineer	10-Nov-03	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03453606	IT Specialist (PLCYPLN)	10-Nov-03	SMDC	GS-2210	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X					X							
SCBK03379061	Supvy IT Specialist	10-Nov-03	PEO TAC	GS-2210	15	15	93,705 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03422933	Accountant Officer	10-Nov-03	SMDC	GS-0510	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X												
SCBK03461254	Log Mgmt Spec	10-Nov-03	AMC	GS-0346	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X												
SCBK03479804	Supvy Mgmt Analyst	10-Nov-03	TMDE	NH-0343	III	III	56,690 - 87,640	X	X											
SCBK03467832	Program Analyst	12-Nov-03	DCS	GS-0343	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X												
SCBK0361123	Supvy General Engineer	12-Nov-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03463048	Supvy Arch, Supvy Civil Engr, Supvy Envir, Supvy Mech Engr, Supvy Elec Engr, Supvy Chem Engr	17-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0808,0810,0830,0850,0893	15	15	85,140 - 110,682	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03467960	Supvy Log Mgmt Spec	21-Nov-03	PEO Aviation	NH-0346	IV	IV	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03458257	Environmental Engineer	21-Nov-03	SMDC	GS-0819	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03202398OC	Engineering Technician	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0802	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X												
SCBK03270830OC	Contract Specialist	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-1102	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03202370OC	Electrical Engineer	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0850	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03197863OC	Safety and Occupational Health Spec	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	47,299 - 61,494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03257513OC	Civil Engr, Arch, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Envi Engr	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0810,0808,0830,0850,0819	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03254278OC	Civil Engr, Arch, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Envi Engr	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0810,0808,0830,0850,0819	12	12	53,225 - 72,112	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK0358411OC	Contract Specialist	30-Nov-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-1102	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X												
SCBK03270830OC	Contract Specialist	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-1102	13	13	66,543 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03259412OC	Land Arch, Arch, Civil Engr, Envi Engr, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Chem Engr	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0807-0808-0810-0819-0830-0850-0893	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03259531OC	Project Mgmt Spec	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03202370OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0850	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X												
SCBK03202398OC	Engineering Technician	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0802	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X												
SCBK03257513OC	Civil Engr, Arch, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Envi Engr	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0810,0808,0830,0850,0819	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X									X	X	X
SCBK03254278OC	Civil Engr, Arch, Mech Engr, Elec Engr, Envi Engr	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0810,0808,0830,0850,0819	12	12	53,225 - 72,112	X										X	X	X
SCBK03197863OC	Safety and Occupational Health Spec	31-Dec-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	47,266 - 61,494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2653	Medical Technologist (VOS)	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0644	7-9-10	11-12	31,546 - 72,746	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2673	Social Worker	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0185	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2682	Counseling Psychologist	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0180	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03127239	Architect	2-Jan-04	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0808	11	12	47,240 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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X-JB-04-5656-JB	Firefighter	30-Oct-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0081	4	5	23,060 - 33,536	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5667-RD	Electronics Engineer	31-Oct-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	3	3	56,690 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5669-RD	Budget Analyst	31-Oct-03	Office Sec of Army	DE-0560	3	3	43,050 - 73,697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-5670-FL	Electronics Engineer	5-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0855	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-5666-FL	General Engineer	5-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5677-RD	Material Engineer	7-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0806	3	3	56,690 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-5643-RD	Lead General Engineer	7-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5645-RD	Supvy General Engineer	10-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5665-RD	Computer Engineer	14-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0854	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-5668-RD	Supvy General Engineer	17-Nov-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5364-PO	Electrical Engineer	8-Dec-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0850	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
  - B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).
  - C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
  - D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).
  - E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
  - F - All Federal Employees
  - H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
  - I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
  - R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
  - T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)
  - V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
  - U - All U.S. citizens
- NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.
- NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e., Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com), or you may telephone 876-7772.